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Louisiana reaches agreement with Placid Refining Company as part of refinery initiative

BATON ROUGE – Today, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality announced that it has reached an agreement with Placid Refining Company, LLC, which calls for the company to reduce emissions from its Louisiana refinery and make a \$675,000 payment to the state.

Under the agreement, Placid will also pay \$225,000 toward a beneficial environmental project and implement emissions reduction projects. These projects will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides by approximately 150 tons per year, reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide by approximately 845 tons per year, reduce emissions of particulate matter by approximately 40 tons per year and reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds by approximately 30 tons per year at its Port Allen refinery.

“The emission reductions projects derived from this settlement will be a great benefit for the citizens of Louisiana,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “As an agency, we continually strive to find ways in which we can improve the environment.”

The agreement is part of the state’s Small Refinery Initiative and consolidates previous environmental violations associated with Placid Refining Company, LLC.

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